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CHAIRMAN KEVIN J. MARTIN ANNOUNCES HIS INTENTION TO APPOINT WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU CHIEF

Today, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Kevin J. Martin announced his intention to appoint Dana Shaffer as the Wireline Competition Bureau Chief.

Of this announcement, Chairman Martin said, "First, I want to thank Tom Navin for his commitment to excellence and distinguished service as Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau. As Bureau Chief, Tom has played a critical role in furthering the Commission's procompetitive and deregulatory telecom policies during the past two and half years. I wish him all the best. I am pleased that Dana has agreed to take over for Tom. Dana has exhibited enormous dedication to this agency, and I look forward to her service in this new capacity."

During her tenure at the Commission, Dana has served as Deputy Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau, interim legal advisor to Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate and to Commissioner Robert McDowell, and most recently Deputy Bureau Chief of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau. Dana joined the Commission after more than ten years' experience in the telecommunications industry, during which she served in a number of leadership roles, including President of the Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association and President of the Tennessee Telecommunications Association. Ms. Shaffer received her BS summa cum laude from the University of Arkansas and her JD magna cum laude from Vanderbilt University School of Law. She was selected to the Order of the Coif and served as law clerk to the Honorable Eugene Siler of the US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.